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### 0. FOREWORD

0.1 This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 12 May 1969, after the draft finalized by the Optical and Mathematical Instruments Sectional Committee had been approved by the Mechanical Engineering Division Council.

0.2 Auriscope is a diagnostic medical instrument used for the visual examination of the tympanic membrane and external auditory canal of the human ear.

0.3 For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS :2-1960\*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

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#### 1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard covers the general functional requirements of auriscope.

#### 2. TERMINOLOGY

2.1 Otoscope Head — Otoscope head consists of a speculum, a lamp holder, a lamp, a large magnifier, a small magnifier, a contact pin for electrical connection and a connecting nozzle for the insuffulator.

2.2 Speculum — It is that part of the otoscope head which is inserted in the ear.

2.3 Rheostat Assembly — The unit for the gradual variation of the light intensity.

2.4 Insuffulator — A rubber bellows attached to the otoscope head to pump air.

2.5 Large Magnifier — A magnifier for general examination.

2.6 Small Magnifier — An auxiliary magnifier for conducting minor operations.

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\*Rules for rounding off numerical values ( *revised* ).

### 3. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Each part of the auriscope shall be made from materials of suitable strength and shall be suitably finished.

3.1.1 Coating and plating on each part shall be durable to resist discolouration, wear and corrosion.

3.1.2 All brass components shall be nickel chromium plated and aluminium parts anodised and dyed black. Nickel chromium plating shall conform to IS :1068-1968\* and anodising to IS :1868-1968†.

3.1.3 The speculum shall be finished dull black inside.

3.2 The dimensions of the threaded and mating portions shall be such as to ensure interchangeability of spare parts.

3.3 The optical parts shall be clear of fog and moulds and shall conform to IS :988-1959‡.

3.4 All the sharp edges shall be removed.

3.5 The case for the instrument shall be made of any suitable material. It shall be so designed that when the instrument and accessories are kept in position and the lid closed, there shall be no rattling inside the case.

### 4. FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

4.0 The essential parts of the instrument shall meet the following requirements.

4.1 Cell Container — This shall be a rigid cylindrical container to take two 1.5 volts IR-20 torch cells conforming to IS :203-1963§ and a rheostat assembly.

4.1.1 When the top and bottom caps are tightened with the cells in position, the cells shall have no play inside the container.

4.1.2 A spring of suitable strength shall also be provided in the bottom cap for keeping the cells in position and to ensure good electrical contact.

#### 4.2 Rheostat Assembly

4.2.1 The total resistance of the rheostat shall be such as to give a variation of the light intensity from zero to maximum along the total travel of the wiper.

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\*Specification for electroplated coatings of nickel and chromium on iron and steel (*first revision*).

†Specification for anodic coatings on aluminium (*first revision*).

‡General requirements for optical components.

§Specification for dry batteries for flashlights (*second revision*).



4.2.2 'ON' and 'OFF' shall be marked on the container at the extremities of the wiper movement.

4.2.3 The movement of the wiper shall be uniformly smooth and shall neither be too tight nor too loose.

### 4.3 Otoscope Head

4.3.1 Three speculae of different diameters as shown in Appendix A shall be provided with the otoscope head. The speculum shall have a close running fit in the otoscope head and shall be detachable with the minimum of force.

4.3.2 The dimensions of the otoscope head and the large lens holder shall be as indicated in the figures in Appendix A.

4.3.3 The large magnifier shall be a close running fit on the otoscope head and shall have a flange diameter as indicated in the figure in Appendix A. A small magnifier shall be fitted on the side of the otoscope head in such a way that it may be swung in position when required. The fitting of the small magnifier shall be such as to keep the magnifier in any desired position.

4.3.4 The large magnifier shall have magnification  $3\times$  ( approx ) and working distance 83 mm.

4.3.5 The small magnifier shall have magnification slightly less than  $3\times$  and working distance 87.0 mm.

4.3.6 The fitting of the large magnifier mount and the speculum on the otoscope head shall be such as to provide sufficient air tightness and shall have dimensions as indicated in the figure in Appendix A.

4.3.7 The location of the lamp holder shall be such that when the lamp is fully screwed on to it, the opening of the speculum is fully illuminated and the vision through the opening of speculum shall not be obstructed by the lamp.

4.3.8 The contact pin of the otoscope head shall be snug fitted in the top cap of the cell container.

4.3.9 The lamp shall be rated at 2.5 volts and 0.3 ampere and its light output shall not be less than 1.3 lumens per watt.

4.3.9.1 It shall have a lens at the tip of the glass shell so that the emergent light is a parallel or slightly divergent beam.

4.3.9.2 Illumination at the tip of the system shall be uniform and bright ( not yellow ).

4.4 The insufflator shall be made of rubber or any other material of suitable strength. The material used shall be able to withstand severe climatic conditions.

## 5. SPARES

5.1 Three spare lamps shall be provided with each instrument.

## 6. TESTS

6.1 The auriscope shall initially be examined for the following external defects:

- a) Loose, missing or damaged screws;
- b) Scratched, broken or dirty optical surfaces;
- c) Damage to the cell container, otoscope head, etc; and
- d) Damage to external finish.

6.2 Wiper movement shall be tested as follows:

The wiper shall be operated fifty times to and fro and the wiper shall not get loosened. This test shall be carried out once with the cells in position and again without cells.

6.3 Air tightness shall be tested as follows:

After fixing the large magnifier and one of the speculae on the otoscope head, the tip of the speculum shall be closed with finger tip and air pumped in with the insufflator. The joints between the otoscope head, large magnifier and speculum shall be reasonably airtight.

6.4 The small magnifier, the large magnifier or the speculum shall not get displaced when subjected to slight jerks.

6.5 The insufflator shall be subjected to pumping action 50 times. It shall not show any surface crack or other deterioration.

6.6 Life of the Lamp — The lamp, when tested at the rated voltage, shall have a useful life of not less than 15 hours, and its light output at the end of the test period shall not be less than 75 percent of the value specified in 4.3.9.

6.7 Light 'Output-The light output of the lamp shall be measured by a suitable photometer. The measured value shall conform to the specified value.

## 7. MARKING

7.1 Each auriscope shall be marked with the name, initials or trade-mark of the manufacturer.

7.1.1 Auriscope may also be marked with the ISI Certification Mark.

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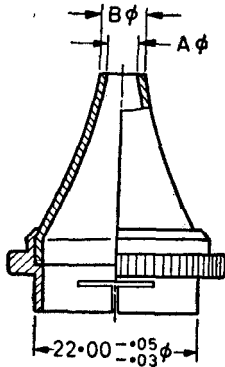
## 8. PACKING

8.1 The instrument with its spares shall be packed in its case.

### APPENDIX A

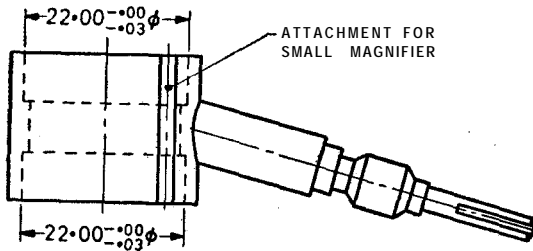
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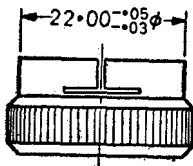


SPECULUM

SIZE NO.	A MIN	B MAX
1	3.2	4.5
2	4.7	6.0
3	5.5	6.8



OTOSCOPE HEAD OF AURISCOPE



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